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Our Mission Statement

The DSCBA's mission is to empower, inspire, and support people with Down syndrome, their families, and the community that serves them, while fostering awareness and acceptance in all areas of life.

Ways to Help

The DSCBA relies on the generosity of individual donations, foundation grants, and our fundraising efforts to keep our doors open.

Our two significant fundraising events are the Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk, held each October, and our Gala, held each spring. The Step Up walk promotes acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome and celebrates October as National Down Syndrome Awareness Month. The Gala celebrates the lives and accomplishments of people with Down syndrome, their families, their friends, and the community that supports them.

Join our community and add your support to an organization that has made a positive difference for people with Down syndrome since 1998.

- Make a tax-deductible donation on our website (www.dsconnection.org/donate) or by mail
- Check to see whether your employer has a donation-match program at www.dsconnection.org/donate
- Donate a vehicle
- Donate your birthday to the DSCBA by creating a Facebook fundraiser (www.facebook.com/fund/DSCBA)
- Designate the DSCBA as your charity on Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com)
- Join us at our Gala
- Step up for Down Syndrome by fundraising for our walk

Connecting families for more than 20 years



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Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area



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Programs and Services

New & Ongoing Family Support

Support services for families, from the prenatal and/or postnatal diagnosis stage through childhood, school years, and adulthood. For new families, our Director of Parent Support meets them and shares a Welcome tote bag, filled with information about Down syndrome and fun gifts and books for baby and siblings. We also offer Early Connections groups, where our newer families and their children can bring their questions, connect, socialize, and learn. Through our parent mentorship program, new families can be connected with a mentor family for additional connection and support. As our members grow older, we continue to support them with educational, medical, and other issues, both in class and group settings and with one-on-one support as needed. The DSCBA is the only Down syndrome organization in Northern California with a physical office open daily, as well as phone, email, and social media support for our families.

Peer Development Classes

Therapeutic program that is educationally and developmentally appropriate for children, teens, and adults with Down syndrome. The classes combine cognitive skill development with positive social and behavioral interaction. Classes start for children as young as five and go up through adulthood, and they are offered at various locations throughout the greater Bay Area.

Medical Outreach Alliance

Partnership with dozens of Bay Area hospitals and hundreds of healthcare providers that serve people with Down syndrome. The alliance provides accurate, current information about Down syndrome to medical practitioners in new-parent packets (in English and Spanish) they can share with their families welcoming a child with Down syndrome. The alliance also provides in-person trainings for doctors, genetic counselors, geneticists, nurses, social workers, and other healthcare workers covering how to deliver a Down syndrome diagnosis, how to support and form a strong team with families who have a member with Down syndrome, the abilities of people with Down syndrome, and the local and national resources available.

Communication Readiness Program

A six-week intensive summer program for children ages 4–7 with complex communication needs stemming from Down syndrome or dual diagnoses such as Down syndrome and autism. CRP incorporates reading, writing, art, music, obstacle courses, speech, and socialization with communication and school-readiness skills at the program's core. Students are introduced to alternative ways to communicate so they can successfully participate in school, and parents and educational teams are provided with instruction, training, and ongoing support to facilitate successful communication.

Down Syndrome Education Alliance

Partnership with dozens of Bay Area schools and districts to provide training, resources, and support for teachers and educational staff who serve students with Down syndrome. The DSEA offers direct training, ability awareness presentations, consultation, research-based materials, and an Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC) lending library.

Connections Groups

A place for peer support for families. The DSCBA offers Connection groups for babies (and their parents), parents of school-aged children, parents of adults, siblings, and grandparents.

Music Therapy

Physical and mental stimulation for babies and children up to age twelve through music therapy, taught by a board-certified music therapist in two locations per month.

Community Events

Fun family events throughout the year, including a family playdate at an all-abilities park to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day in March, the Fourth of July parade in Danville, our Step Up for Down Syndrome walk to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Month in October, and a Holiday Party in early December.

Our Danville office is open from 9-5, Monday through Friday. We welcome calls and drop-ins.